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SUBJECT: WMO SEVENTH CONGRESS - U.S. POSITION ON WMO

RELATIONSHIPS WITH IOC

GENEVA FOR DR. WHITE, CHAIRMAN, U.S. DEL TO WMO CONGRESS

1. FOR GENEVA. UNDER AGENDA ITEM SEVEN, SEVENTH WMO
CONGRESS WILL DEAL WITH WMO RELATIONSHIPS WITH VARIOUS UN
AGENCIES. WE HAD EXPECTED THAT WMO RELATIONSHIP WITH IOC
WOULD BE BROUGHT UP UNDER THIS ITEM OR POSSIBLY UNDER
3.3.2, "OCEAN AFFAIRS". HOWEVER, NO PAPER HAS BEEN
RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT ON THIS POINT UNDER EITHER ITEM
AND BASIC QUESTION OF WMO/IOC RELATIONSHIP IS NOT RAISED
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IN ANY DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING DOCUMENT 65. U.S. CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT WMO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH IOC. THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT U.S. DELEGATION TAKE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP.

2. FIRST, DELEGATION SHOULD SUPPORT AND, IF NECESSARY, INITIATE RESOLUTIONS SPECIFICALLY ENDORSING CONTINUATION OF EXISTING WMO/IOC COOPERATION. (ALONG LINES OF RESOLUTIONS NINE, TEN, AND ELEVEN SIXTH CONGRESS.) SECOND, DELEGATION SHOULD ASK SECRETARIAT FOR MORE COMPLETE REPORT

ON METEOROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF OCEAN AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MEMBER STATES WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION AS TO TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO WMO AND IOC AND OTHER UN BODIES.

3. THIRD, DELEGATION SHOULD OBTAIN FROM SECRETARIAT PROGRESS REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF FORMAL WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH IOC. ADOPTION OF SUCH WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WAS APPROVED BY IOC AT VIII ASSEMBLY (NOV 1973) AND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT NUMEROUS MEETINGS OF ICS PRO. DELEGATION SHOULD ASSURE THAT WMO SECRETARIAT PROCEEDS EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THESE FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS, RECOGNIZING THAT THESE SUPPLEMENT (AND DO NOT CONFLICT WITH) THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN WMO AND UNESCO (WMO PUBLICATION NO. 60, 1973).

4. QUESTION EXISTS HERE AS TO WHETHER FORMAL RESOLUTION BY CONGRESS ON THIS MATTER IS APPROPRIATE OR WHETHER IT FALLS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO ASSURE THAT LACK OF SUCH CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS IS NOT USED BY SECRETARIAT AS JUSTIFICATION FOR EITHER WITHHOLDING OR DELAYING THEIR AGREEMENT SUCH FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN WMO AND IOC.

5. FOR PARIS. PERMDEL IS REQUESTED TO INFORMALLY PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE POSITION TO MR. DESMOND SCOTT, SECRETARY OF IOC. KISSINGER

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